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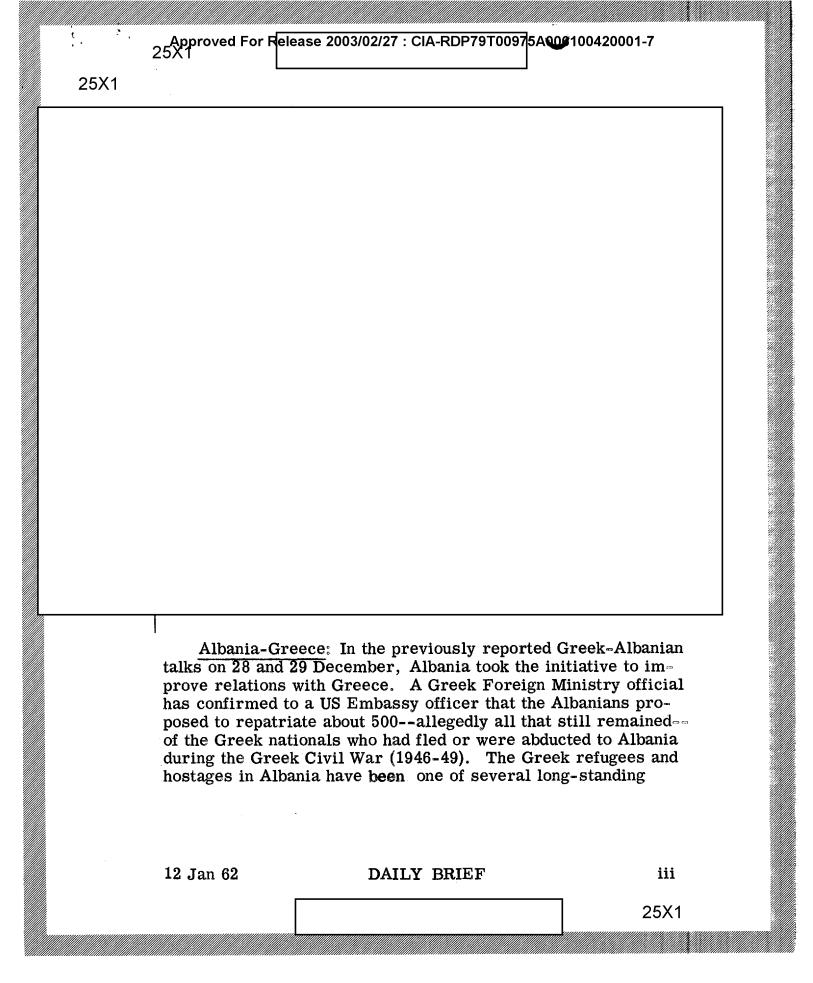
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Approved For Release 2003/02/27: CIA-RDP79T00975A026100420001-725X1 problems preventing an improvement in Greek-Albanian relations for the last 15 years. On 9 January Albania followed with an article in the leading Albanian paper, Zeri i Popullit, reiterating its desire to establish diplomatic, trade, and cultural relations with "capitalist" states, especially neighbors. Greece was singled out with the condition that it give up its "baseless" claims against Albania. Greek officials probably could not publicly disavow their claims to Southern Albania, but negotiations on a general 25X1 improvement of relations, including an exchange of ambassadors, would have an excellent chance of success if the Albanians were willing to shelve this question. 25X1 Finland: Finland is reported to have requested an unspecified number and type of MIG fighters from the Soviet Union. This move, following the political crisis last fall, when Moscow proposed military consultations, suggests that the Finnish Government hopes to counter any future Soviet demands by demonstrating its willingness to build up its own forces. The USSR has previously offered MIG aircraft to Finland, and Helsinki may now feel it cannot resist the Soviet offer. The Finns also see the present situation as an opportunity to build up their forces to the modest levels permitted by the 1947 Paris Peace Treaty, without appearing to be anti-Russian. Previously, the Finns have purchased on credit some T-54 tanks and other arms from the USSR. Although Moscow has not vet responded to the current Finnish request, a positive reply is likely. The cost of the MIGs could probably be met from the 25X1 rubles earmarked for milunused portion of the 25X1 credit extended by itary procurement out of the 25X1 the USSR to Finland in December 1959. 25X1 iv DAILY BRIEF 12 Jan 62 25X1

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